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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. A certified copy of the copending patent application was provided on June 8, 2000 with the Claim for Priority.

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